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CHAIRMAN RANAE LENTZ, TREASURER
OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL
& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
211 S. FIFTH STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Response Due Date
03/26/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00162339

REFERENCE: AMENDED 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/16/2014 -
11/24/2014), RECEIVED 12/18/2014

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/14 - 10/15/14). Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent report(s) that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1)))
2. The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 12, 18(a), 18(c), 19, and 20, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
3. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(f)) and 11 CFR §110.2(d) prohibit a state, district or local party committee (combined) from receiving any contribution from a multicandidate political committee in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

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If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

4. A review of the reports filed by your committee indicates that your committee received one or more contributions from "MONSANTO COMPANY CITIZENSHIP FUND AKA MONSANTO CITIZENSHIP FUND" which has been disclosed on their report(s) of receipts and disbursements as a contribution for the non-federal account (see attached). Please be advised, contributions deposited in a federal account must meet the following conditions: the contributions are designated or expressly solicited for use in connection with federal elections and contributors are informed that their contributions are subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Act. 11 CFR §102.5(a)

If any apparently misdeposited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If the contribution(s) received was misdeposited into the federal account, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the misdeposited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided a written notice to the committee making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not

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used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the misdeposited amount must be refunded. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1))

Please clarify if the contribution(s) received from the disclosed donor's federal account was permissible. If the contribution was intended for a non-federal account, please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the misdeposited funds, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

5. A review of the reports filed by your committee indicates that your committee received one or more contribution from "SOUTHERN COMPANY - SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC. PAC" which has not been disclosed on their report(s) of receipts and disbursements. Please clarify if the contribution(s) was received from the disclosed donor's federal account and amend your report(s) if necessary.

6. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule B of your report to clarify the following description: "BFS 10/20." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

7. Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 30(b). (11 CFR §104.3(b)(3))

8. On the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the "LEVIN Account," the beginning cash balance, Line 7, Column A, should equal the ending balance, Line 11, Column A, of your previous report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) and (e) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §434(b) and (e)))

9. The totals listed on Lines 2, 3, 8, 9, and 11, Column B of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the "LEVIN Account" appears to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Column B Year to Date" total from your previous report to the current "Column A Total This Period" figure to derive the correct Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) and (e))

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(formerly 2 U.S.C. §434(b) and (e)))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1177.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Jones
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive Contributions**Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee (C00162339)****Excessive Contributions from Committees**

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Fifth Third Bancorp PAC C00290502	5/7/14	\$1,500.00	2014 June Monthly
Fifth Third Bancorp PAC C00290502	7/10/14	\$1,000.00	2014 August Monthly
Fifth Third Bancorp PAC C00290502	8/14/14	\$500.00	2014 September Monthly
Fifth Third Bancorp PAC C00290502	10/22/14	\$2,000.00	2014 30 Day Post-General
Fifth Third Bancorp PAC C00290502	10/24/14	\$1,000.00	2014 30 Day Post-General

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s)
for each category of the
Detailed Summary Page

FOR LINE NUMBER:
(check only one)

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☐ 21b ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26
☐ 27 ☐ 28a ☐ 28b ☐ 28c ☒ 29 ☐ 30b

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Monsanto Company Citizenship Fund aka Monsanto Citizenship Fund

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Team Gillespie

Mailing Address 5225 Picking Road

City York State PA Zip Code 17406

Purpose of Disbursement
Nonfederal Contribution

Candidate Name

Office Sought: ☐ House
☐ Senate
☐ President

State: District:

Disbursement For:
☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) T

Date of Disbursement

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10 16 2014

Transaction ID : C652B5B5F98BEEA1A98

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

250.00

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

B. The Ohio Republican Party

Mailing Address 211 S. Fifth Street

City Columbus State OH Zip Code 43215

Purpose of Disbursement
Nonfederal Contribution

Candidate Name

Office Sought: ☐ House
☐ Senate
☐ President

State: District:

Disbursement For:
☐ Primary ☐ General
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Date of Disbursement

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10 16 2014

Transaction ID : 819DA881B62C0A4B3A3

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

1500.00

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

C. Tom Berryhill for Senate 2014

Mailing Address 1552 Coffee Road, #200

City Modesto State CA Zip Code 95355

Purpose of Disbursement
Nonfederal Contribution

Candidate Name

Office Sought: ☐ House
☐ Senate
☐ President

State: District:

Disbursement For:
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Date of Disbursement

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10 29 2014

Transaction ID : E2802B437C5B0845B43

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

1500.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional).....

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only).....

3250.00